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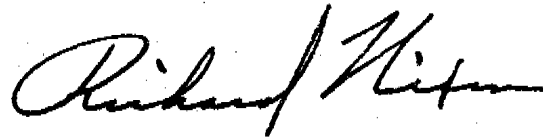
Your Holiness:

I am deeply grateful for your very thoughtful message on my reelection as President of the United States which was conveyed to me through the courtesy of the Apostolic Delegate in Washington.

You have my deepest appreciation for your inspiring words. It is my firm conviction that because of the progress we have made in reducing international tensions over the past year, there now exists the best opportunity since the end of World War II to build a new structure of lasting peace in the world. You can be sure that I shall continue to work toward the achievement of this great goal.

Please accept, Your Holiness, these renewed assurances of my highest esteem.

Sincerely,



His Holiness
Pope Paul VI
Vatican City

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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November 21, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Pope Paul VI

Attached, for delivery to the Apostolic Delegate for transmission to Pope Paul, is the President's reply to the Pope's congratulatory message on the President's reelection. At the time the President's reply is delivered to the Apostolic Delegate, the deliverer should express the President's appreciation for the congratulatory message from the Delegate which was delivered at the same time as the Pope's message.

/s/
Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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November 18, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt *HS*


SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Pope Paul VI's Message
of Congratulations

The Apostolic Delegate in Washington has delivered a message from Pope Paul VI to the President expressing his sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the President's reelection.

In light of the unique character of Papal communications, I think the President might wish to reply by personal letter rather than having a message transmitted. If you agree, the memorandum for your signature to the President at Tab A would forward the Pope's message together with a proposed reply for the President's signature to the Pope. The President's letter has been coordinated with Ray Price's office.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum for the President at Tab A.


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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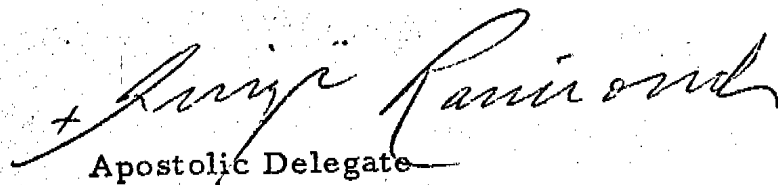
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Mr. President:

His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, has directed me to express to you sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your re-election to the Presidency of the United States of America.

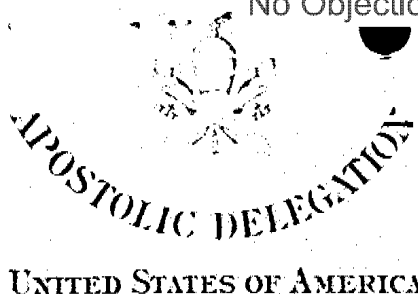
His Holiness wishes to assure you of his prayers that God may guide you in the fulfillment of your burdensome duties and may bestow upon you, your family and the American people, prosperity and happiness in justice and true peace.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest considerations,


Apostolic Delegate

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Luigi Raimondi



3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

November 8, 1972

Dear Mr. President:

On the occasion of your re-election as President of the United States of America, may I offer you my sincere congratulations.

Please be assured of my prayerful best wishes that during your new term of office the citizens of the United States, under your wise leadership, will work together to secure justice and prosperity for all and that the peoples of the world will enjoy the blessings of peace and will cooperate actively for the welfare of the entire human family.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest considerations.

+ Luigi Raimondi
Apostolic Delegate

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.